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## Pres. Wahlquist Backs State Proposition Four

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Pres. John T. Wahlquist has endorsed Proposition 4 in addition to many statewide educators and organizations, it was announced Friday.

The senate constitutional amendment authorizes the state legislature to set the terms of office of the members of the new state college board of trustees at eight years instead of the present constitutional limitation of four years. The proposal will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Other college and university presidents to endorse the proposition include Dr. Clark Kerr, University of California; Dr. Wallace Sterling, Stanford University; Dr. Robert Burns, College of the Pacific; and the Rev. Patrick A. Donohoe, University of Santa Clara.

### SEVERAL GROUPS

Among the several community organizations supporting the proposal are the California Farm Bureau federation, the State Chamber of Commerce, the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, the California Labor federation, the California Teachers assn., the Town hall of Los Angeles and the education section of the Commonwealth club of San Francisco.

Proponents of proposition 4 maintain that eight-year terms would be of sufficient length to enable board members to become

familiar with the complex state educational system and the problems confronting California's 15 state colleges.

They say it would also:

—Make appointments to the board more non-partisan since a new governor would not be able to change the political complexion of the board in any one year.

—Provide better long-range planning for enrollments expected to reach 300,000 by 1970.

### '8 YEARS TOO LONG'

Those against the proposition argue that eight years is too long a term of office. The opponents maintain that if trustees are competent they can be reappointed—if not, a shorter term would allow earlier eliminating.

They also argue that the terms of the trustees should be specifically set by the state constitution

—with no freedom for adjustment by the legislature.

Terms longer than four years were recommended in the Master Plan for Higher Education in California under which the state colleges are being transferred from the jurisdiction of the state department of education and placed under the new state college board of trustees on July 1, 1961.

### 20 ON BOARD

Members of the 20-man board, who have already been appointed, include the governor, lieutenant governor, superintendent of public instruction, the chief executive officer of the state college system and four ex officio members.

By a vote of 106 to 1 the 1960 legislature has already authorized eight-year terms contingent upon the approval of Proposition 4 by the voters November 8.

## English Dept. Conducts Survey On College Remedial Courses

Spurred by a growing concern over the increasing number of remedial or "sub-freshman" courses at SJS, the English department has recently conducted a nationwide survey, getting returns from

76 colleges and universities from 47 states, to find out what has been and is being done elsewhere about remedial courses.

The committee in charge of the survey, called the "English A Re-

evaluation committee" of Dr. Martha Cox, associate professor in English, Jim Cypher, graduate assistant in English, and John Canario, English instructor, spent "about three months" in preparation and evaluation of the questionnaires.

Although no formal conclusions have been made from the survey, Dr. Cox stated, the committee was "most impressed by the intense interest shown by everyone contacted. No one was neutral." Returned questionnaires, she stated, were often accompanied by "long explanatory letters" and mimeographed or printed descriptions and outlines of remedial English programs.

The questionnaires sent out by the committee dealt primarily with remedial courses, but also inquired about placement exams, teaching and student credit, penalties for failing remedial courses, special fees, and experimental approaches to remedial programs.

"Directors of over half of the institutions which returned questionnaires," the committee report indicates, "reported that they have either discontinued, contemplate discontinuing, or have never offered the remedial English course."

Only a small minority of these, however, refuse admittance to students who fail the entrance exams. Most, the report states, provide other means for the students to receive remedial instruction.

About two-thirds of schools offering remedial courses give no credit for them, and in some cases additional fees are charged for the course.

Experimental work being done in the remedial field was reported by 19 of the 76 institutions contacted, and "reveals the existence of two philosophies in dealing with the problems of remedial English: (1) toward smaller groups, and more individual attention, such as writing laboratories and tutorial sessions, and (2) toward "efficiency and economy in instruction" of remedial students by holding combinations of "large lecture-small discussion" groups or through the use of closed-circuit TV.

One director reported that his institution plans to discontinue remedial English in 1961 and have instead a "self-help" remedial course on TV tape.

Dr. Glenn A. Reed, coordinator of the freshman composition courses at SJS, pointed out that there are currently 49 sections of remedial English at SJS, comprising about a third of the total offerings of the English department.

The findings of a state survey conducted by the committee are to be published by the California Teacher's Association Journal. Dr. Cox said, and several national English publications have inquired about the survey. One editor, Dr. Cox said, termed the survey "the most comprehensive" of its kind.

## Freshmen Wanted

Four positions as freshman representative to the Student Council are open, announced Gary Wood, election board chairman. Candidates may obtain applications at the College Union until Wednesday.

Petitions for class council posts are also available, Wood said.

All applications and petitions must be turned in by 5 p.m. Oct. 12.

## Fulbright Grants Deadline Friday

Applications for a Fulbright grant must be made to Don Ryan, SJS assistant dean or students, Adm269, before Friday, it was announced recently.

Those applying must be citizens, have a B.A. or equivalent, speak the host country's language, be in good health and have a good scholastic record.

About 800 Fulbright scholarships are available for study in 30 countries.

## Feature Painting Vanishes From Faculty Art Exhibit

A painting with an estimated value of \$600, was stolen last week from the Faculty Art Show reported Warren Faus, head of the Art department.

The painting, which had the feature spot in the art display, was first missed Wednesday around 8:30 p.m. by an instructor.

The work is a corrugated-wood panel, 49 by 19 inches, that was painted by Richard Sorby, associate professor of art.

The person who stole the painting has not taken something of little value," Mr. Faus said. "This is a serious offense and the person who took it should

seriously consider his next course of action."

"If the painting is not returned within a reasonable length of time, the college officials and the city police will prosecute to the full limit of the law," Mr. Faus said.

Mr. Sorby stated that the panel took him practically a whole summer to paint. "The value in time alone would exceed \$1000."

The \$600 estimated value was established when the display items were insured, prior to the beginning of the show.

"We are primarily interested in getting the painting back," said

Mr. Faus, "not in prosecuting anyone."

State law says that a theft of any item over \$199 constitutes a felony.

## Deadline Today

Applications for 49 ASB positions must be in the College Union today before 2:30 p.m., announced Pat McClenahan, SJS student body president.

Interviews for applicants will be today through Thursday at the College Union.



The New Look

SJS Homecoming—'Sparti Takes a Safari,' a bevy of floats, flowers, and princesses, will wind its way through the dense foliage of lampposts, planters, and litter cans again this year, as in years past. Shown above is the prize-winning float of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, winner in 1950.

## SJS Homecoming Near

### 'Sparti Takes Safari' Theme For This Year's Festivities

A bevy of student explorers will penetrate the dense foliage of lamp posts and litter cans on First St. when "Sparti Takes a Safari" through exotic San Jose Oct. 29.

The occasion is the 13th annual Homecoming parade, with the Spartans vacating their homeland for the trek into a more humid climate.

Floats, novelty entries and beautiful women will adorn the fleet as it tours past an anticipated throng of wide-eyed admirers. Gary Coniglio, parade chairman, is enthusiastic about plans which call for Sue Bronson, Lynn Burke and Suzanne Reamo as triple grand marshals.

For those who are unfamiliar with the trio, a brief resume of their accomplishments will provide a mental image. Miss Bronson was chosen Miss California in 1959, and placed third at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City. Miss Burke was a gold medal winner in swimming at the Rome Olympic Games this summer. And Miss Reamo was runner-up to this year's Miss America as the 1960 California entry.

These people are not only beautifying the parade, but are also representatives for all the people in Santa Clara valley who have made outstanding contributions to the community, Coniglio stated.

In addition to the aforementioned lovelies, the SJS Homecoming queen and her court will be presented to her subjects. The queen will rule from a mobile throne built especially for her by the Associated Independent Students.

Over a dozen float entries and about 10 novelty contestants have already filed plans for the parade. In addition, the ROTC drill teams, a number of high school bands and several local equestrian units will participate.

Invitations for parade entries were sent last May to all recognized clubs and organizations. A new entry in this year's Sweepstakes competition will be the college dormitories.

Coniglio has only one request for groups who yet to submit an entry: "Please no more elephants!"

## McClenahan Talks Tonight

Pat McClenahan, ASB president, will be the first of three speakers at tonight's meeting of the Associated Independent Students, Don Wood, AIS public relations director, said today.

After McClenahan, Danny Glines will take over the rostrum, followed by Linda Jensen of Spartan Spurs.

The student body president said he will base his talk on the background of student government and the role of the Independents in SJS student activities.

Wood said Glines will discuss the intramural sports set-up at SJS and Miss Jensen will tell of Spur's community service projects at Agnews Hospital last year.

A special guest of honor for the AIS regular meeting will be Madeline Bryant, who was chosen Thursday as the Homecoming queen candidate by the Independents' executive council.

Also on the AIS agenda are reports from the Homecoming queen float to be constructed by the Independents and the cookie sale Wednesday and Thursday of this week, Wood said.

Membership cards for AIS will again be sold at the meeting, Wood said, adding that card holders are entitled to reduced admission at all AIS sponsored activities.

### First Float For Royalty

San Jose State's Homecoming queen and attendants this year will ride in a float during Homecoming festivities for the first time in SJS history, Barney Goldstein, president of the Associated Independent Students, said today.

The go-ahead sign was given by the AIS executive council Thursday night even though an expected donation from the SJS Student Council was not considered at its Wednesday meeting.

Earlier in the week nearly 200 Independents voted almost unanimously to construct the royal float after Goldstein told them "the ASB will give us a donation, but I will not know how much it will be until after the council meets Wednesday."

The decision by the Independents, however, rested for final approval in the hands of the executive council "if it feels the ASB donation is large enough."

Goldstein said today the AIS executives voted to construct the float "with or without the ASB donation" because it was felt some material donations may come from downtown merchants.

The AIS president said he has been unable to discover why the item failed to get on the agenda or reach the body under new business discussions.

The Independents were approached with the idea of building a royal float recently by representatives of the ASB council.

Previously the "royal five" rode in convertible automobiles during the homecoming parade. The float will not compete for awards.

## Chem Prof Has Creative Hobby

It's amazing what you will find in some of the nooks and crannies around this campus of ours. Take for instance office 146 in the science building.

If you had walked in this modern cubicle at 2:30 Friday afternoon you would have seen a medium-sized man sitting at his desk wearing a red and black striped Ivy-league shirt, toying with a 15 pound chunk of solid jade.

The man is Dr. Arthur Williams, professor of chemistry, but at 2:30 Friday he was just plain Arthur Williams, "amateur rock hound."

### HOME A DISPLAY CASE

Professor Williams has been cutting, grinding, and polishing stones into jewelry, bookends, or other objects d'art for the past six

years. His home is a display case for his hobby. His patio is lined with rocks from all over the country and inside there are pieces of cut stone serving various purposes around the house.

"I guess what spark-plugged this thing," said Professor Williams, "is that several years ago I had to teach a course called physical science. Part of the course was a unit on geology, so I had to get out and learn something about rocks." Since then he and his wife have picked up rocks wherever they go.

The particular piece of jade the professor is working on now was found at jade cove a few miles south of Monterey. He is planning to make several solid jade brace-

lets from it. At present he is cutting the block of jade into several half inch slices. The next step will be cutting rings from the slices. To do this the professor uses a home made device consisting of two concentric steel tubes which, with a power drill press, cut neat rings out of the slice.

### FINISHED PRODUCT

After this step, the rings valued at \$25 each, are polished into the finished product: slender translucent green bracelets.

Asked why he pursues this hobby, Prof. Williams said "Well, it's just a lot of fun. I'm getting ready to retire in not too many years, and I've got enough rocks out there to keep me going for quite a while."

Need a hobby? Try rocks.

## Rec Schedule Set for Staff

Recreation hours for men staff members have been scheduled by the Department of Physical Education. The activities offered are swimming, badminton and volleyball.

Swimming is scheduled for Monday from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 to 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, 12 to 1:30 p.m., and Friday, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Badminton hours are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Lockers and wearing apparel may be checked out at the Physical Education equipment cage but lock and shoes must be furnished by the staff member.

## Hillel To Discuss Jewish Tradition

An open group discussion on "Jewish Tradition and the College Student" will be held by the B'nai B'rith Hillel foundation tonight at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be at Newman Hall, 79 S. 5th St.

Results of a previous inter-Hillel board meeting at which a ski trip was discussed will also be reported.



—Photo by Jim Brock

**SLICING THE JADE**—Prof. Arthur Williams stands at the diamond-edged lapidary saw which saws through the jade slicing it

into half-inch slabs. The slabs will be cut into rings which will be made into finished jade bracelets.